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## Trio of public servants receive commendation during New Brockton council meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A special presentation highlighted the agenda Monday evening, Oct. 7, of the New Brockton Town Council as council members gathered for the regular monthly meeting.

Charles Webb, chairman of the Coffee County Emergency Communications Board, addressed the council and presented a letter to the Town of New Brockton that commended the efforts of three people.

Webb said the county's emergency communications board commends the actions, on Monday, Sept. 30, of Mildred (Mickie) Perry of the New Brockton Water Department (part-time emergency dispatcher), Captain Dale Grimes of the New Brockton Police Department and Hope M. Wood, a dispatcher with the Enterprise Public Safety Answering Point.

He said his guess would be that any of the three people would indicate that he/she was only doing their job that day; however, the efforts of each assisted in saving the lives of two residents.

In explaining the circumstances of the incident, Webb said a commercial alarm company received a fire alarm signal and called the New Brockton Police Department; however, the company did not have a valid address. By working together, Perry, Grimes and Wood were able to come up with an address, and Grimes was able to locate the residence from that information.

Upon arriving on the scene, Webb said Grimes found an active fire in the kitchen of the residence with smoke filling the home. Also, Grimes found that two elderly people (one bedridden and the other very confused) were inside. At that point, he was able to get the proper emergency personnel to the scene, and the situation was controlled.

Webb told council members Monday evening that he felt both occupants would have been killed had it not been for the combined efforts of Perry, Grimes and Wood.

In presenting each with a copy of the commendation letter, Webb asked the council to also commend these three people and make the letter a permanent part of the records of the Town of New Brockton.

The members voted unanimously to include the letter as a permanent part of the town's records.

"I am proud of the work our city employees did in tracking down the home," council member Ron McMonagle said. "This shows we do have quality employees here."

Council members also heard remarks Monday evening from Shirley White concerning ditches.

White said she understood that the town was going to be cleaning ditches, and she wanted to make the council aware of a potential downside to this.

She said her son owns four lots on one New Brockton street, and he has spent a great deal of money working on the ditches and having sod placed. She added that her concern is the proposed ditch cleaning will cause more damage to his area rather than help it.

White said she understands there is a problem with water not running down the streets, but just partially cleaning the ditches will not solve the problem. All in all, she said she wanted the city officials to be aware of the amount of money her son has already spent and would prefer if the work could be held off until a good plan is gathered.

Council member McMonagle

proposed that the town seek the help of either the county engineer or someone with an engineering background before any more digging is done on ditches. He said he feels the town needs to get some expert advice before going any further.

Due to illness, Mayor Charles Cole was not present for the meeting, but Mayor Pro-Tem Johnnie Herron told White that the town will investigate this matter before anything else is done.

With Cole and council member Vicki Harrison not present for the meeting, the council appeared to zip through the remaining items on the agenda as a resolution for a department of transportation grant and a discussion concerning the police department were tabled until all members could be present.

In other business, the council approved a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$2,638.81.

Reminded everyone in attendance that the New Brockton Town Hall will be closed Monday, Oct. 14, in observance of Columbus Day. This holiday will not interfere with the garbage collection.



Livestock exhibits and agricultural products took center stage last Thursday, Oct. 3, and Friday, Oct. 4, as the 2002 Coffee County Farm City Agriculture Exhibit/Petting Zoo was held at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The objective of the event is to promote a better understanding of the sources of food and fiber, as well as, provide an opportunity for youngsters to experience hands-on contact with farm animals and plants that provide the food and fiber consumed daily. Among the livestock exhibits were beef, hogs, horses, dogs, lambs, goats and baby chicks. Agricultural products included peanuts, cotton, honey, vegetables, grain sorghum, sugar cane and corn. Although the petting zoo is geared towards the kindergarten students from each school within the county, youngsters from the local day-cares also get in on the action along with many of their parents. Above, Aaron Spurlin of Elba holds a baby goat while her son, Cameron, gets an up close and personal look.

## Cat and owner reunited in Elba after two month separation

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although Elba and Deer Range, Ala. are over 100 miles apart, a cuddly creature brought the two together last week in a reunion that seemed hopeless.

Shirley Johnson and her daughter, Marie Phillips, of Deer Range, Ala., came to Elba last Thursday, Oct. 3, after receiving notification that their 2-year-old tomcat, Zeus, had been found. Even now, it remains a mystery as to how Zeus got to Elba, but apparently, he was destined for quite a journey after disappearing from his home during the first week of August.

When Zeus disappeared, Johnson did as any loving pet owner would, she reported him missing through his veterinarian with hopes that someone would recognize him. Then, two months passed and still no Zeus. The hope for his return had dwindled, and she said she was facing the reality that Zeus would never be home again.

Johnson said she decided too much time had passed, so, she decided to call the vet and have Zeus' name removed from the list of missing pets.

That same day, Louise Fuller, an employee of The National Security Group in Elba, was heading out to lunch when she met the cuddly little creature she would soon discover to be none other than Zeus.

Being an animal lover, Fuller immediately began searching for Zeus' owner. She noticed a tag on the cat's collar which contained a telephone number for his veterinarian. With one phone call, Fuller had set the reunion in motion.

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Henrietta Taylor and Louise Fuller (left) took care of Zeus (center) until his owners, Shirley Johnson and Marie Phillips (right) could make the trip to Elba for the long awaited reunion.



The combined efforts of Hope Wood, Captain Dale Grimes and Mickie Perry on Monday, Sept. 30, resulted in the saving of two lives. The three public servants were able to take a small amount of information and locate a residence that contained an active fire in the kitchen. Grimes found two elderly people occupying the residence at the time of the incident, and both were rescued.

## TIP students recognized by Coffee County BOE

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education recognized some special students Thursday evening, Oct. 3, during its regular monthly meeting.

The students recognized were all seventh graders who participated in the Duke University Talent Identification Program, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said the program helps prepare the students for higher education.

Of the approximately 76,000 students that participated in the program, four were students from the Coffee County School System, and all four happen to be students from New Brockton.

Adam Crosby, Tyler Moore, Tori Stone and Bon Deaderick participated, and each received statewide recognition for their achievements.

Some average scores on the ACT test for these seventh graders who participate in the talent identification program include: English (17); Math (16); Reading (17); and Science (17).

Ingram announced to board members that she knew her homonym, as superintendent is over, and with that, she said she needed to discuss a leaking roof at New Brockton Elementary School.

She said the problem seems to be with the wall built around the air conditioning unit which is located on top of the building. She said the experts are telling her there is no outlet for water when it rains, and that is causing the leaky roof.

Board member Danny Jernigan said he feels the board needs to have the architect come up with some figures for replacing the flat roof with a roof that contains a pitch. And, he said he feels this should be done before any more money is spent on that roof which she had problems ever since the

building was erected. "I strongly suggest doing what I suggested doing 12 years ago," said board member Rubin McKinnon. "Find a way to bring those (AC) units on the ground and put a roof on that building. We've wasted too much money on this already."

Ingram said she will have a plan together when the board meets again in November.

While speaking of projects, Ingram said she has been looking at other improvements that need to be made within the school system. With this, she reminded board members that the school system has capital fund project monies available.

"I just wanted to address some needs," she said. "I felt like we needed to see what we can do with what we've got."

One such project is installing air conditioning for the New Brockton High School auditorium, and she said it appears this will cost about \$90,000. However, she said she has discussed this with Rep. Terry Spicer and Sen. Jimmy Holley, and they believe they will be able to locate some funding to help with this project.

Another thing Ingram said the school system needs to look at

doing is redesigning the office area of the Zion Chapel Elementary School.

Presently, the office and library areas of the school are all opened with the principals office being at the back of the area. She said the school is experiencing some problems with visitors coming in and going to the classrooms without checking in first.

For an approximate \$45,000, Ingram said the architect tells her that the library walls can be closed, the principals office moved to the front and a receptionist's area can be built in the front lobby.

Also, Ingram said told board members that the Zion Chapel Elementary School is in need of building a larger parking area. She said the current parking lot was designed for nine cars and the school has 24 being parked there daily. Also, she said a canopy needs to be put up to keep the students from getting wet on rainy days, especially the handicapped students. Ingram told board members that the school system has received \$5,000 for the paving project.

Jernigan said he feels the superintendent should develop a priority list for the projects, and this list should be discussed before anything is done; however, he did say he feels that fixing a leaky roof should be at the top of the list.

In other business, the board:

\* Received an update from Ingram concerning the ball field at Zion Chapel, and Ingram said the lights were turned on at the field on Thursday.

\* Approved out-of-state travel for the Elba chapters at Zion Chapel and Kinston to attend the Fall Leadership Conference in Jacksonville, Fla. in November. This will include two sponsors and some students.

\* Approved out-of-state travel for the New Brockton High School Band to take a trip later this school year to Orlando, Fla. The band director said the current seniors had not been on a band trip since they were in the seventh grade were looking forward to being able to go to Orlando.

## Area Happenings

**AREA FOOTBALL GAMES** On Thursday, Oct. 10, the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to Florida to take on the Wildcats with a kickoff time of 7 p.m. On Friday, Oct. 11, the Elba Tigers will be on the road against the Straighten Tigers; the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to Slocomb, and the Kinston Bulldogs will take on the Brantley Bulldogs in Kinston. The Kinston-Brantley game will begin at 7 p.m. with the other games beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Oct. 14, at 9 a.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

**REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF COFFEE COUNTY** will meet at The Elba Restaurant Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 11:30 a.m. for their bi-monthly meeting. Candidates Judge Rocky Smithline (chairman of Coffee County), Vice Lt. Lora Spontoni (vice-chairman), State Rep. Bill Gentry, and State Sen. Mike Cooper (Coffee County's 10th Congressional District) will be speaking. Dwight Adams will go over the new amendments that will be on the ballot. The public is invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call 897-3471.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
with Ferrin Cox

The political attention of last week was the New Jersey debate over Robert Torricelli dropping out of the U. S. Senate race. The courts quickly upheld the rights of the Democrats to name a replacement. This would still be the main domestic six and ten o'clock news headlines except for the ongoing sniper shootings in Maryland. Each time we hear of another nut case and think our years on earth have allowed us to "see it all", something more bizarre is bound to happen, just as it did with this unusual shooting matter. We are anxious, for two reasons, for the guilty person to be caught. First, for the safety and peace of mind for our fellow Americans. Secondly, maybe someone will tell us WHY it is happening and what society can do to prevent others from doing the same thing. Apparently, there is no previous connections between any of the shooting victims except they were in the wrong place at the right time — just as the rifleman lifted his rifle and sighted down the scope.

It will be next spring before we can actually hold one of the new Alabama quarters in our hand; but the design has been released. The quarter depicts Helen Keller and is appropriately etched in Braille (her name we think). Not only is this a person whose accomplishments we should all admire but putting her likeness on the new money will also be politically correct. If the designers had selected George Wallace, Bear Bryant, one or more civil rights leader, an American Indian, or John Doe plowing a mule, some group would have marched on the state capital demanding a pound of flesh for the perceived insult. Now, they can all join the majority of us and hold the new coin with pride.

The federal courts have ruled that the Libertarian candidate for governor has no constitutional right to participate in any political debate. We have no problems with John Sophocles personally but he is glad the court ruled against him. If the judge had ruled the other way, it would have ultimately killed debates because ever jackleg politician in the country, regardless of abilities or credible message, would have seen this as his or her one chance to have a captive audience. It is easy to envision ten or twelve people bouncing wild, impossible ideas off the walls of the room. That would in turn sour interest from Alabama voters and as we noted earlier, kill political debates.



Coffee County Probate Judge William Gammill recently presented Shelia Walls, an employee in the Elba office, with a plaque recognizing 15 years of service. Gammill said he is proud to have employees like Walls serving the people of Coffee County.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 30, 2002, through October 6, 2002. They were: Marquita Burks, Lillie Bane, Martha Graham, Chemere Edwards, Kiara White, Pauline Woods, Donnie Golden, Patricia Smith, Charles Cole, Clifford Blue, Sherry Moore, Nettie Hudson and Chris Hudson.

Persons discharged during the time period were: Marquita Burks, Estelena Smith, Melinda Rodriguez, Winfred Baker, Margaret Smith, Maurina McClain, Carol Jones, Tillie Bane, Debra Ledbetter, Debra Holland, Chimere Edwards, Martha Graham, Donnie Golden and Kiara White.

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## EHS Marching Tiger Band continues to be a tradition of generations

by Lynn Hudson Baker

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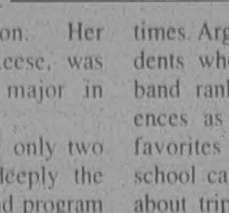
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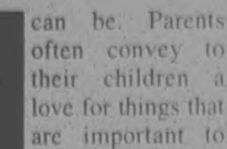
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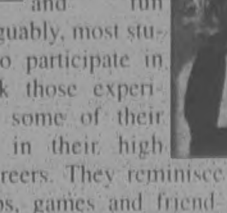
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These are only two examples of how deeply the love for the EHS band program

runs deep. Parents often convey to their children a love for things that are important to them. Most reflect upon their days in high school as ones of positive influences and fun times. Arguably, most students who participate in band rank those experiences as some of their favorites in their high school careers. They reminisce about trips, games and friendships made during these days. The traditions that they participated in are strong and are remembered for years to come.

Currently, the EHS band program is riding high. Coming off an all superior performance at the Troy marching contest, the band is now 123 members — strong with only seven seniors and approximately 35 sixth grade members getting ready to participate in marching season next year. After several years of ups and downs, including floods and several directors, the band is performing once again to the degree of its glory days of the 1970s, under the leadership of director, Mr. Jeff Ellis.

Several members of the EHS band from the 1970s along with one of their directors, Tom Maddox, are planning a reunion for all former band members. Call us show-offs if you will, but the reunion committee is eager to share this experience with all former band members. All committee members, including Jack E. Brunson, Katrina Hayes Calhoun, Tom and Alice Maddox and Lynn Hudson Baker, have children that participate or have participated in the band. The band director, Jeff Ellis, even has a son following in his footsteps as a trumpet player.

Please follow the schedule of events listed below and plan to join us in some or all of these

events. You'll be glad you did! For more information or for instrument or memorabilia pick-up please call Jack E. Brunson at 897-6056 or Lynn Hudson Baker at 897-3813.

**Friday, Oct. 18, 2002**  
2:30 p.m. - All band members from 1942-1982 will gather at the Church of Christ parking lot on the Troy Highway to ride on our parade entry.

**Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002**  
10:00 a.m. - Reception and time of fellowship at the Elba Elementary School Band Room. Old band memorabilia and pictures will be on display.

**Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002**  
10:00 a.m. - The game and presentation of the EHS Homecoming Court Member of the 1942 band will be honored.

**Monday, Oct. 21, 2002**  
7:30 p.m. - Elba vs. Calhoun game. All former band members will be invited to sit together behind the band. Sixth grade band students will play in the stands.

**Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2002**  
At halftime, all former band members will be recognized and will lead the current band members in the "right song" under the field direction of former Elba High School and Troy State University drum major, Ronnie

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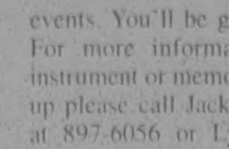
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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both of the girls brought home a kitten a few weeks ago, and while the kittens are strictly outdoor animals, in recent days they have begun to roam around and explore their new surroundings. One morning last week I got a call from my wife at school telling me that the kittens had apparently climbed up in the under-carriage of the van and ridden with her to work. The kittens survived a stop at the grocery store and another stop at the Big/Little before arriving at school, but then after the van stopped again jumped out and began exploring some even newer surroundings. I did go and retrieve the kittens, but know that the next time they decide to explore the story might not have a happy ending.

## ELBA TIGERS SUFFER SECOND REGION LOSS AT HOME

The Elba Tigers saw an early lead vanish under a rash of mistakes and never recovered last week as they suffered their second region loss at home this season with a 27-9 setback to the T.R. Miller Tigers. The loss dropped Elba's region record to 1-3 with three games remaining, and now the Tigers know that they must win out against some very stiff competition just to have a chance at making a return trip to the state playoffs. Elba gave its fans a ray of hope early on as the Tigers received the opening kick off and marched 64 yards to the T.R. Miller three-yardline, and even though the drive stalled at the five, Elba did salvage a field-goal to grab an early 3-0 lead. That was just about it as far as the Elba highlights for the first half, as T.R. Miller scored on its first play from scrimmage to take a 7-3 lead, scooped up a fumble on the ensuing kick off and returned it for a touchdown to extend its lead to 13-3, and then added a score midway through the second quarter to carry a 20-3 lead in at intermission. The Elba defense did turn Miller back on a fourth and goal at the two to prevent even more damage, and then in the second half twice turned back Miller scoring threats to keep the Tigers alive. While the Tigers did score late to cut the deficit to 20-9, T.R. Miller regained command and drove down the field for an insurance touchdown in the closing minutes and that was that. Overall, the Tigers may have been fortunate the margin of defeat wasn't greater than three touchdowns. T.R. Miller moved the ball up and down the field, but was flagged for 16 penalties for 122 yards and had two apparent touchdowns called back. It was a long night for the Tigers and the fans in the stands that stayed until well after 10:00 PM, and one that the players and coaches should watch once and then hide away.

## KINSTON, BRANTLEY AND BROCKTON ALL GET WINS

The sixth week of the high school football season saw three of the teams in the area hit the road for big region contests, and all three road teams brought home big wins. Here is a quick look back....

\*\*\* **Kinston Bulldogs (3-2)** - The Bulldogs made the short trip up to Jack to battle the Zion Chapel Rebels and made the most out of their Friday night one as they ripped the Rebels 40-6. The Bulldogs unleashed their powerful running game on their opponent, matted cross-country rivals, and rolled up almost 500 yards in total offense in the win. So far this season the formula for a Kinston win has been easy to understand - when the "Dogs can run, they can win."

\*\*\* **New Brockton Gamecocks (4-2)** - The Gamecocks made it look easy and kept alive their playoff hopes with a lopsided 40-12 win over the winless Bulldogs from Geneva County. The Gamecocks had two backs that combined for 411 yards and five touchdowns in the easy win, and in the past two weeks have turned

their backs loose. New Brockton has already claimed more wins this season than it did all of last year, and the folks over in Gamecock country have more wins coming.

\*\*\* **Brantley Bulldogs (4-2)** - The Bulldogs spotted Arton a 7-0 halftime lead thanks to three big turnovers and then came storming back to run past the Purple Cats 19-7. The Bulldogs were probably lucky to trail by just one touchdown at intermission, but took no chances in the second half and ran the ball every single play in the final two quarters to grind out the region win. Unless the Bulldogs lose focus, they should go undefeated in region play and be at home in the opening round of the playoffs.

\*\*\* **Zion Chapel Rebels (0-6)** - The Rebels remained winless on the season with a 40-6 loss to Kinston, and simply could not stop the Kinston running game as they once again surrendered over forty points in a game. The Rebels did move the football well at times and rolled up almost 250 yards in total offense, but lost four fumbles and three pass interceptions, and also lost the game. Unless Zion Chapel can learn to play defense, the offense may not have enough fire power to outscore anyone on its schedule.

## WECK SIX OF SEASON HAS A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING

The sixth week of the high school football season has come and gone, and it was another week with a little bit of everything for teams in the area and all across the state. Here are a few games worth noting....

\*\*\* **Class 6A** - Top-ranked Tuscaloosa County was upset 23-7 by eighth-ranked Minor, marking the second straight week that the top team in the state's largest classification had fallen. Closer to home, Enterprise blanked Auburn 28-0 to keep its state playoff hopes alive and well, while Northview fell to Jeff Davis 37-14 and Dothan lost to Central of Phenix City 34-8. The two Dothan teams are now a combined 0-12, and Northview's Coach Mike DuBose has yet to taste the thrill of victory.

\*\*\* **Class 5A** - The rich just got richer in the 5A ranks as Charles Henderson drilled B.T. Washington 48-0 to move to 6-0 on the season, and nine of the state's top ten teams also posted wins. Closer to home, Carroll, of Ozark, claimed its second straight win with a big 37-6 win over Wilcox Central, while Euftaula won its fifth straight since a season opening loss to Pike County by topping Escambia County 55-14.

\*\*\* **Class 4A** - Ashford claimed its biggest win in years when the Yellowjackets stunned highly-touted Dale County 41-13. Geneva failed to score for the second straight week and slipped to 3-3 on the season after a 7-0 loss to Daleville, while Opp moved to 3-3 with an easy 33-9 win over Headland and kept its playoff hopes alive. Andalusia dropped a key region contest to Jackson 14-7, and the Bulldogs still have some work ahead of them if they are to be in the post-season party.

\*\*\* **Class 3A** - Pike County and Straughn kept pace with the top ranked teams in 3A circles as the Bulldogs demolished Calhoun 69-14 and the Tigers cruised past Central of Hayneville, 38-14. Top-ranked Tarrant remained unbeaten with an easy 42-0 win over Northside, and closer to home, Barbour County had its rare two-game winning streak snapped in a 35-6 loss to Montgomery Academy.

\*\*\* **Class 2A** - The Highland Home Flying Squadron took no prisoners in posting an embarrassing 81-0 win over lowly R.C. Hatch. The coaches at Highland Home made the most of the lack of an opponent to let their quarterback set a state record with eight touchdown passes, but impressed no one with the score or any of the records their team may have set. Second-ranked Southern Choctaw stunned #3 Washington County 34-0 in what was billed as a battle of unbeaten, while Houston Academy improved to 5-1 with an impressive 31-7 romp past sixth-ranked and previously undefeated Red Level.

\*\*\* **Class 1A** - Clay County continued to enjoy its first year in

1A ranks with an easy 42-0 win over Talladega County Central, and it looks like the Panthers will be a team to watch when the playoffs get started in just a matter of weeks. Closer to home, Houston County stunned Cottonwood 12-6, and the Bears show decline as a football power just seems to be getting faster with every passing week.

## DUSTING OFF THE DESK...

\*\*\* I told some folks last week that it was scary that after just a few wins the so-called college experts were calling Alabama's defense the best in the nation. I am an Alabama fan, but wasn't all that impressed with the Tide's wins over Southern Miss or an over-rated Arkansas team, and felt like the Tide was getting way too much credit. I hate to say I told you so, but maybe now the college guru's can put their jinx on some other team.

\*\*\* Troy State had found wins hard to come by since its move into the 1A ranks of college football. So, the Trojans went out and bought a win as they paid Austin Peay \$100,000 to come to Troy and get pounded 41-3. The Trojans may have gotten beaten up physically, and on the scoreboard by three of the Big Twelve teams in recent weeks, but at least they learned how to buy a win.

\*\*\* I got home in time to watch the overtimes in the Tennessee-Arkansas game, and while I really don't care that much about either team, I did find the six overtime periods to be very entertaining. It was fun to watch the two SEC rivals swap punches throughout the overtime periods, and I will admit I was also glad to see the Vols come out on top. Why? Heck if I know.

\*\*\* In closing...I haven't seen Notre Dame yet on the tube, but the Irish have to be smiling after the undefeated start of their new coach Tyrone Willingham. Coach Willingham wasn't the first choice of the Notre Dame faithful, but he ended up with the job and has turned the program around in just one short season. Is it a miracle? Nope, but not by much.

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKING THE PREFS

Ye Olde Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office early Sunday afternoon and said that he had already begun to fill out his playoff brackets in high school football. The local guesstimate said that his early-season brackets included both Brantley and Kinston, with New Brockton being one of his bubble teams. The prognosticator hit on 30 of 34 picks last week to move his yearly totals to 155-34, and before leaving said he still thinks his best is yet to come. Could it be this week?

## ELBA VS. STRAUGHN

Two sets of Tigers going in opposite directions will tangle this week in the north woods of Covington County when the Elba Tigers invade Antioch to battle the undefeated Straughn Tigers. On paper this one looks like an easy win for the hometown Tigers. However, the Tigers from the Pea River have yet to grow their claws, and if they get sharp this week, this one could be a lot closer than many might think. I have a feeling, and I hope it's not just that frozen pizza I cooked for supper the other night.

## ELBA 22 STRAUGHN 20

## NEW BROCKTON VS. SLOCOMB

The Gamecocks have turned their running backs loose in recent weeks, and this week will look to do the same Friday night when they head over to Slocomb to battle the resurgent Red Tops. There is no doubt the Gamecocks will have their hands full on the road against a very tough region opponent, and this one could come down to which team scores last.

## SLOCOMB 18 NEW BROCKTON 15

## KINSTON VS. BRANTLEY

The two "Big Dogs" in Class 1A, Region 2 will get together Friday night down in Kinston and the hometown Bulldogs can get a leg up on a state playoffs berth if they can cage the Bulldogs from up the road in Crenshaw County. Both teams love to run the football and keep the clock running, and both teams enjoy hitting folks on defense. These could be better than you think.

## BRANTLEY 27 KINSTON 19

## ZION CHAPEL VS. FLORALA

Two teams still looking for their first win of the season will tie up Thursday night on the state line and despite their combined 0-12 record it looks like it should be an entertaining contest. The Rebels last win was last year over the Wildcats, while I doubt if anyone can even remember the last time Florala won. Oh well, it should be a good one and should be one that both teams expect to win.

## FLORALA 26 ZION CHAPEL 22

## OTHER PICKS:

Ariton 20 Cottonwood 13  
Pleasant Home 34 Houston County 12  
McKenzie 40 J.F. Shields 8  
Excel 29 Bayside 0  
Highland Home 29 Calera 6  
Leroy 22 Flomaton 6  
Red Level 55 Geneva County 0  
Washington County 34 Georgiana 0  
Goshen 48 R.C. Hatch 0  
Houston Academy 24 Samson 7  
Wicksburg 20 G.W. Long 7  
Laverne 34 Marbury 8  
Southern Choctaw 41 McIntosh 12  
LaFayette 27 Abbeville 13  
Alabama Christian 17 Barbour County 12  
W.S. Neal 50 Calhoun 6  
T.R. Miller 47 Central 0  
Pike County 29 Clarke County 10  
Andalusia 17 Hillcrest 14  
Ashford 14 Geneva 13  
Dale County 53 Bullock County 18  
Daleville 27 Headland 0  
Opp 21 Rehoboth 10  
Carroll 28 Russell County 14  
Charles Henderson 24 Euftaula 17  
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## SPORTS

## Drop crucial region contest

## Tigers tripped up by T.R. Miller 27-9

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by Mike Capps

Elba Tiger cheerleader Ashley Gibson had the true jungle spirit Friday night for the Elba-T.R. Miller contest. The Tigers will travel to Straughn this week to meet the undefeated Straughn Tigers.



Elba Tiger running back Dougie Pierson (1) tries to split two T.R. Miller defenders in last week's 27-9 region loss. The Tigers saw their record slip to 3-3 with the loss, 1-3 in region competition.



Elba Tiger sophomore tackle Jesse Thigpen (59) looks for someone to block as Elba's quarterback lofts a pass downfield in action last week.

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers saw their state playoff hopes dealt a serious blow Friday night when the Tigers suffered a 27-9 region defeat to the T.R. Miller Tigers, in Elba.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 3-3, 1-3 in region play, while T.R. Miller improved to 4-2, overall, and 3-1 in region competition with the win. Elba received the opening kickoff and promptly headed downfield as the Tigers marched 67 yards in 14 plays and ate up almost seven minutes off the clock to grab the early lead. The scoring drive was highlighted by the running and passing of senior quarterback Brandon Petty, as the crafty signal-caller connected on three passes for 29 yards and ran twice for 29 yards. A 27-yard scamper by Petty moved the Tigers to a first down at the Miller 3-yardline, and although the long drive stalled after getting within the shadows of the Miller goal post, the Tigers did grab a 3-0 lead when Marcus Henderson drilled a 22-yard field-goal to 5:05 remaining in the opening quarter.

T.R. Miller began its first possession at the Elba 35-yardline and this time cashed in on the scoring opportunity by covering the distance to the endzone in seven plays. The touchdown came on a 2-yard quarterback sneak by Brad Lammon, and Turner tacked on the extra-point to push the T.R. Miller lead to 20-3 with 4:53 left in the half.

The Elba offense came back to life on its ensuing possession, and with the aid of a penalty against Miller quickly reached a first down at the Miller 36-yardline. A potential Tiger touchdown went by the board on third and ten when a wide open Elba receiver failed to pull in a Petty pass, and the scoring opportunity ended on play later on a pass interception at the T.R. Miller 4-yardline.

Neither team managed to move the chains on their first possession of the second half, but T.R. Miller did get its offense rolling again on its second possession, and behind the running of Antonio Gomez headed back toward the Elba endzone. An apparent 23-yard touchdown run by Brad Lammon was wiped out by a holding penalty at the Elba 5, and the Miller scoring threat died two plays when Tiger linebacker Jason Curran made a big hit to stop

## In must win region contest

## Tigers travel to face unbeaten Straughn

The Elba Tigers will carry their fading state playoff hopes on the road Friday night when they head over to Covington County to battle the undefeated and fourth-ranked Straughn Tigers, in a must win region contest.

Elba saw its region record slip to 1-3 last week with a 27-9 loss to T.R. Miller, and even though the top four teams in the region will advance to the state playoffs, the Tigers are currently in a tie for fifth in the region standings, and must win their remaining region games to have a chance at making a trip to the post-season party.

"We knew heading into the season that nothing would come easy," stated Elba's Coach Waters, "and that is certainly the way things have played out. With four of our seven region games on the road we knew it would be very important to win the region games played in Elba, but we are now 0-2 at home, and that has helped us dig ourselves a deep hole that we must find a way to climb out of. If we play well for all four quarters we can beat any team on our schedule. However, that hasn't happened yet this season, and we will just have to work hard, get ready and try to win our remaining region games."

This week the Tigers will travel to Straughn for the second straight season, and will find Straughn boasting a perfect 6-0 record and a 4-0 record in the region. Straughn, coached by Trent Taylor, has claimed wins

Miller two yards short of first drive to put an end to the Elba rally, and did that and more as it marched 55 yards in nine plays to score the final points of the night. An apparent 41-yard scoring dash by Antonio Gomez was nullified by a penalty. However, the flag only delayed the eventual Miller touchdown, as Michael Jones later bulled over from two yards out. Turner booted the extra-point and wide receiver Dougie Pierson led the way on the ground with 29 yards on 9 carries, followed by Brandon Petty with 25 yards on 4 carries and Todd Horstead with 21 yards on 7 carries. Elba connected on only 8 of 25 passes for 61 yards, and suffered five interceptions.

The Elba offense managed only 140 yards in total offense in the loss, with Dougie Pierson leading the way on the ground with 29 yards on 9 carries, followed by Brandon Petty with 25 yards on 4 carries and Todd Horstead with 21 yards on 7 carries. Elba connected on only 8 of 25 passes for 61 yards, and suffered five interceptions.

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## STATISTICS

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8	1st Downs	10
79	Rushing Yds.	185
61	Passing Yds.	109
140	Total Offense	294
8-25-5	Passes	5-9-1
3/2	Fumbles/Lost	5/1
4-34	Punts-Ave.	2-31
25	Penalty Yds.	122

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Join the NRA and Charlton Heston in supporting the re-election of Don Siegelman on November 5th.

CHARLTON HESTON

September 19, 2002

The Honorable Don Siegelman  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol  
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Dear Governor Siegelman:

I am delighted to endorse your candidacy for re-election to the Office of Governor for the 2002 General Election. I know I speak for countless firearm owners and sportsmen when I say that your commitment, dedication, and leadership on our issues is greatly appreciated.

During your tenure as Governor, you have repeatedly demonstrated your willingness to defend the very freedoms that serve as the foundation of our great nation. Your record of achievement in protecting shooting ranges, promoting hunting, and signing legislation pivotal to the future of firearm rights stands as an example of what a true leader can do to secure our cherished traditions for future generations.

In recognition of all you have done for firearm owners and sportsmen in Alabama, I will stand with you and fight for freedom in this election. I look forward to continuing our critical work together in the future. Of course, you have my best wishes in this campaign.

Respectfully,

Charlton Heston

TRAVEL TO STRAUGHN FRIDAY NIGHT AND SHOW THAT TIGERS FIGHT!



## SPORTS

Even region record at 2-2

## Gamecocks run past 'Dogs 40-12

Story and photos by Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks stayed on the winning side of the ledger Friday night with an easy 40-12 win over the Geneva County Bulldogs, in Hartford.

The win improved New Brockton's record to 4-2 overall, and pulled their region record even at 2-2.

The New Brockton defense was outstanding as it held the Bulldogs to only 79 yards in total offense and 5 first downs on the night. Tanner Medley and Tyler Simmons recorded 10 tackles apiece, to lead the Gamecock defense, with Simmons also recording a quarterback sack. LaNorris Smith and Randy Danford chipped in with 6 tackles, each.

Although New Brockton did suffer three fumbles in the game, the running game was also very impressive as the Gamecocks rushed for 471 yards on 49 carries. Tyler Simmons rushed the ball 18 times for 245 yards and one touchdown, while Ray Magwood carried the ball 24 times and gained 166 yards, and scored four touchdowns. Randy Danford added 67 yards and one touchdown on only six carries.

The Gamecocks kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back on a Bulldog punt and wasted little time taking command. Magwood and Simmons ate up big chunks of yardage on the ground, and Simmons capped off the scoring drive with a 34-yard touchdown scamper on an option. Miguel Pauyac's extra-point try failed, but with 7:25 remaining in the first quarter the Gamecocks were already on top 6-0.

The two region rivals failed to muster any scoring threats on the next three possessions of the half, while the Gamecocks missed out on a scoring opportunity when a faked field-goal failed to reach the first down marker.

Geneva County gave its fans a reason to cheer on the ensuing kick off when Jared Woytek

New Brockton's defense came up with a big play midway through the second quarter when Jody McCormick recovered a Bulldog fumble at the Geneva County 12-yardline. After losing four yards on first down, Ray Magwood scored his first touchdown of the game on a 16-yard dash around the right end. Pauyac's extra-point try was true, and with 4:57 left in the second quarter the Gamecocks' lead was up to 13-0.

New Brockton received the second half kickoff and marched down the field via the running game. The drive ended with Magwood cashing in his second touchdown of the night on a 12-yard run, and Pauyac tackled on the extra-point, as New Brockton took command by opening up a 27-0 lead with 5:13 still left in the third quarter.

The next Gamecock possession was climaxed with a 4-yard scoring run by Magwood, and Pauyac tackled on the extra-point, as New Brockton took command by opening up a 27-0 lead with 5:13 still left in the third quarter.

Geneva County got a break late in the quarter when the Bulldogs recovered a Gamecock fumble at the New Brockton 40-yardline, and the Bulldogs quickly turned the turnover into a touchdown when Brian Murkerson connected with Larry Sullen on a 12-yard scoring strike. A two-point conversion failed, but with 1:01 remaining in the third quarter the Gamecocks' lead had been cut to 27-6.

The Gamecocks answered the Bulldog score by putting together a 9-yard touchdown run by Randy Danford, and Pauyac's extra-point was again true, as New Brockton regained command at 34-6 with 10:34 remaining in the game.

Geneva County gave its fans a reason to cheer on the ensuing kick off when Jared Woytek



New Brockton's Tyler Simmons (31) looks upfield for running room in the Gamecocks' 40-12 win over Geneva County. Simmons gained 245 yards and scored one touchdown to lead the Gamecocks to the win.

fielded the kick at the Bulldog 22-yardline and raced 78 yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion failed, but with 10:15 remaining the Bulldogs were back on the scoreboard, trailing 34-12.

The Gamecocks scored their final touchdown of the night with an 87-yard drive that ate up almost the entire fourth quarter. Ray Magwood climaxed the long scoring drive with a 22-yard touchdown run, and

although the extra-point try failed, the Gamecocks had the big region win 40-12 over the winless Bulldogs.

## STATISTICS

	NB	GC
1st Downs	12	5
Rushing Yds.	471	18
Passing Yds.	0	61
Total Offense	471	79
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	1/1
Penalty Yds.	20	10

Remains undefeated in region play

## Brantley Bulldog rally sinks Ariton 19-7

By Greg Branson  
Photos by Janet Simmons

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Ariton Friday night to battle the Purple Cats in a game that would determine the outcome of the night in the Class 1A, Region 2 standings, and while both teams came into the game with perfect region records, the Bulldogs were the only team left without a loss in the region when the final horn sounded as Brantley claimed a hard fought 19-7 victory.

The Bulldogs lost the ball on fumbles on each of their first two possessions, with Marquis Ward and Rocky Flowers making the recoveries deep in Brantley territory. The Brantley defense was up to the test early on as the Bulldogs regained possession on a fourth down stop after the first turnover, and then got a turnover of their own after the second Bulldog fumble when Cedric Brundidge picked off a Purple Cat pass.

Jimmy Mitchell broke loose for a 20-yard gain up the middle after the interception to give the Bulldogs breathing room. However, the Bulldogs failed to cross midfield, and gave the ball back to Ariton after a booming 50-yard punt by Cedric Jones.

The Purple Cats' offense came to life in its ensuing possession, and capped by a 48-yard dash by T.R. Oliver, head toward the Brantley endzone. The score came on fourth down and two, when Joseph Vanzandi dropped back to pass and hit T.R. Oliver deep in the endzone for the game's first points. Marquis Ward kicked the extra-point, and with 11:00 left in the second quarter Ariton was on top 7-0.

Brantley lost its third fumble of the half on its next possession when the 'Cats Carlos Dumes removed on a fumbling bobbie at the Brantley 44-yardline. The Brantley defense refused to let Ariton get back into the end-



Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) crosses the goal line after returning a punt 48 yards to give the Bulldogs a third quarter lead in last week's region battle against Ariton. Skanes' punt return gave the Bulldogs their first lead of the night in the 19-7 win.

zone; however, and regained possession after a big defensive stand at the Bulldogs' 48-yardline.

Brantley moved the chains three times following the stand at midfield and reached the Ariton 25-yardline, only to see the drive stall, and at intermission Brantley went in still trailing 7-0.

The Bulldog offense caught fire as the second half opened, and Brantley marched 68 yards in only six plays to get on the scoreboard. Janyal Jones had a 36-yard dash to highlight the scoring drive, while Channing Spivey went the final yard to get the Bulldogs into the endzone. Cedric Jones kicked the extra-point, as Brantley pulled even at 7-7 with 8:58 remaining in the third quarter.

The Purple Cats were forced

to punt on their next possession, and Brantley's Devaris Skanes made them pay as the speedy Bulldog return man picked up the ball and raced 48 yards into the endzone. The extra-point try by Jones was blocked, but with 4:38 remaining in the third quarter the Bulldogs had taken the lead at 13-7.

Brantley put the ball in play at the Ariton 22-yardline after a short Ariton punt early in the fourth quarter, and the Bulldogs easily marched in on the short scoring drive, with the touchdown coming on a one-yard plunge by Jimmy Mitchell. A two-point try failed. However, with 10:06 left in the game the Bulldogs were in command with a 19-7 advantage.

The defenses regained command on both sides for the remainder of the night, and at

the final horn it was Brantley that remained atop the region standings after claiming the hard fought 19-7 win over the Purple Cats.

The Brantley offense was led by Devaris Skanes with 67 yards on 14 carries, while Jimmy Mitchell added 58 yards on 8 carries and Janyal Jones gained 47 yards on only 3 totes. T.R. Oliver gained 96 yards on 17 carries to lead Ariton.

## STATISTICS

	B	A
1st Downs	9	7
Rushes-Yds.	32-183	32-67
Passing Yds.	11	68
Total Offense	194	135
Fumbles	1-0	7-14
Return Yds.	103	35
Fumbles/Lost	4	0
Penalties-Yds.	3-22	11-52
Punts-Ave.	2-54	6-29

## SPORTS



Zion Chapel Rebel cheerleaders were all smiles prior to Friday night's homecoming clash against the Kinston Bulldogs. This week the Rebels will travel to Florida on Thursday night to battle the Florida Wildcats looking for their first win of the season under Coach John Donaldson.



QUEEN ASHLEY WAMBLES AND HER COURT...were introduced during ceremonies Friday night at Zion Chapel High School. Members of the 2002 Zion Chapel Homecoming Court included Alternate Amanda Perry, Alternate Ashley Wallace, Junior Keri Senn, Junior Kim Rayborn, Sophomore Anessa Wambles and Freshman Christina McWaters.

Spoils Rebel homecoming party

## Kinston crushes Zion Chapel 40-6

From combined reports and photos of Tony Kelley, Chris Winters and Justin Winters

The Kinston Bulldogs kept their state playoff hopes alive and kept the Zion Chapel Rebels winless at the same time Friday night as they blasted their cross-county rivals 40-6, in Zion Chapel.

The win upped Kinston's record to 3-2, 3-1 in region play, while Zion Chapel slipped to 0-6, 0-4 in region competition, with the loss.

Kinston kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back at the Zion Chapel 43-yardline after a 13-yard punt return by Jim Bedsole, and needed only three plays to get into the endzone. A 12-yard run by Bedsole on first down and a 29-yard dash by Cole Meeks got the Bulldogs off to a fast start, while the touchdown came on a 2-yard

blast run by Matthew Wilkerson. J.T. Wiggins trotted into the endzone untouched for the two-point conversion, and with 9:23 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs were off and running with an early 8-0 lead.

Kinston's Chase Williams recovered a Rebel fumble on Zion Chapel's next play from scrimmage to set the Bulldogs up at the Zion Chapel 24-yardline. However, a penalty and a fumbled handoff backed the Bulldogs up to the 33, and one play later the Kinston scoring threat ended when Zion Chapel's Josh Smith picked off a Bulldog pass and returned the interception 41 yards to the Kinston 44-yardline.

The Rebels quickly turned the turnover into a touchdown, as on the first play after the interception Hayden Osborn took a handoff and raced 44 yards down the sidelines to put Zion Chapel on the scoreboard. A two-point try failed, but with 7:22 remaining in the opening stanza the Rebels had cut the Kinston lead to 8-6.

Kinston's Jim Bedsole returned the ensuing kickoff 34 yards to set the Bulldog offense up at the Zion Chapel 43-yardline, and this time it took the Bulldogs five plays to cover the 43 yards to the endzone. Jim Bedsole gained 23 yards on two carries to spark the short scoring drive, while Cole Meeks added 20 yards on two carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard plunge.

Matthew Wilkerson kicked the extra-point, and with 5:11 still left in the first quarter the Bulldogs had stretched their lead to 15-6.

Zion Chapel received the ensuing kick and promptly began a drive toward the Bulldog goal line. Hayden Osborn gained 16 yards on the initial play of the series to spark the drive, while Josh Smith completed two passes, one that covered 28 yards to Michael Speed that gave the Rebels a first down at the Kinston 28-yardline. The Rebels fumbled away their scoring chance on the next play from scrimmage; however, and Cole Meeks recovered the fumble to stop the threat at the Bulldog 27.

Kinston's offense was again ready to roll and marched 73 yards in only four plays to add to its lead. A 61-yard run by Jim Bedsole was a key play in the quick scoring march, while the touchdown came on an 8-yard run by Matthew Wilkerson. The extra-point try failed, but with 10:52 left in the second quarter Kinston was back in command with a 21-6 advantage.

Kinston began its next possession at its own 38-yardline following a pass interception by Shawn Brantley, and the Bulldogs once again heeded the word. A 47-yard run by Jim Bedsole on third down and 13 kept the drive alive early, and it was Bedsole that later scored the touchdown on a 14-yard dash. Matthew Wilkerson boosted the extra-point, and with 6:54 remaining in the half the Bulldogs had opened up a big 28-6 lead.

Kinston's offense put the ball in play at its own 32-yardline following a Zion Chapel punt and this time covered the 68 yards to the endzone in only three plays. An apparent 65-yard touchdown run by Jim Bedsole was nullified by a penalty. However, Bedsole came back on the very next play with a 61-yard run, and on the next play Shawn Brantley scored from five yards out on a five yard scamper. A two-point try failed, but Kinston had blown the game open by moving on top 34-6 with 3:52 still left in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel did manage two first downs late in the half behind the hard running of Hayden Osborn and Josh Smith, but the drive stalled and at intermission the Rebels walked into the dressing room on the short end of a 34-6 score.

Kinston failed to add to its lead in the third quarter as the Bulldogs twice failed to take advantage of Kinston turnovers. The first turnover came on a Rebel fumble at the Zion Chapel 37-yardline, while Cole Meeks intercepted a Rebel pass on Zion Chapel's next possession to put the Bulldogs in business at the Zion Chapel 35.

The Bulldogs did threaten after the second turnover and reached a first down at the Rebel 9-yardline after an 18-yard pass completion from J.T. Wiggins to Jeremy Driver. However, three straight flags went against the Bulldogs, and on fourth down Kinston turned the ball over on downs all the way back at the Zion Chapel 38-yardline.

Zion Chapel's offense came back to life following the defensive stand and behind the running and passing of Josh Smith reached a first down at the Kinston 22-yardline. The scoring threat ended at the Bulldog 18-yardline on a pass interception by Cole Meeks, and Kinston's offense responded by marching 82 yards in seven plays to get into the endzone for the final time of the night. Matthew Wilkerson gained 28 yards on three carries to aid the Bulldog march, while Jim Bedsole gained 40 yards on



Kinston Bulldog running back Jim Bedsole (25) races past Zion Chapel's Macon Hodge (11) and hits the sidelines. Bedsole gained 259 yards on 13 carries to spark the Bulldogs to a big 40-6 win over the Rebels.

three carries and scored the touchdown on a 25-yard sprint. The extra-point try failed, but it made no difference as Kinston upped its lead to 40-6 with 7:47 remaining in the fourth quarter.

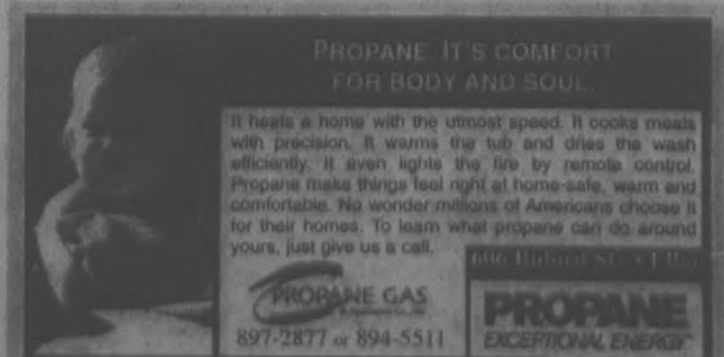
The Rebels mounted one final drive on their ensuing possession and reached the Kinston 26-yardline behind the running of Josh Richards and a 28-yard pass completion by Josh Smith. The scoring threat ended with yet another Rebel fumble, and Kinston then simply ran out the clock to preserve the big 40-6 win over the Rebels.

"This was a great game for us and I was proud of the overall performance of the entire team," stated Kinston's Coach Gary Glass. "We will need to work on a couple of things this week and improve on those things before we play Brantley. I thought the defense stepped up in the win over Zion Chapel and made some crucial stops during the game, and thought that Cole Meeks had a really big game. Brantley will be a stern test and we will have to play near flawless football to claim a win. They are very athletic and very

## STATISTICS

	ZC	K
1st Downs	8	16
Rushing Yds.	115	470
Passing Yds.	130	18
Total Offense	245	488
Fumbles/Lost	8-18	3-7
Penalties-Yds.	5-4	10-0

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# COMMUNITY

## Elba Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to Tiger Tailgate Party October 17

Members of the Elba Chamber of Commerce invite everyone to join them for the 3rd annual "tiger" tailgate party. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. on October 17, and will take place in the lot next door to Peoples Bank.

The event, kicking off the 2002 homecoming festivities, is sponsored, in part, by the People's Bank, SouthTrust Bank, Kleinert's, National Security and Dorsey's. Chamber members should attend and bring along prospects to experience the "tiger" spirit in full effect.

Children and students can enjoy a hamburger, chips and a drink for \$1.00. Adults, \$3.00. DJ Dolla Bill will be there to get everyone rockin' and rollin' into Elba's biggest homecoming yet. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their car, truck or campsite in their favorite team colors.

Following the tailgate party, the Elba High School cheerleaders will ignite the festivities with a bonfire at Miller Memorial Stadium.

## Any registered voter may vote an absentee ballot in November election if necessary

Any qualified voter may vote an absentee ballot at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton if he or she meets one of the following conditions:

\*The voter will be out of the country of state on election day.

\*The voter has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents his or her attendance at the polls on election day.

\*The voter works a shift which has at least ten hours which coincide with the hours the polls are open at his or her regular polling place.

\*The voter is enrolled as a student in an educational institution located outside the county of his or her personal residence.

\*The voter is a member of or spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States, or is similarly qualified to vote absentee pursuant to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973 ff.

\*The voter has been appointed as an election officer or named as a poll watcher at a polling place other than his or her regular polling place.

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is 4:30 PM, October 31, 2002. Applications for absentee voting are available at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton and at the Probate Judge's offices at

For information about absent

tee voting, call Linda Mills, ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER, at 894-5556, 894-5557 or 894-5558, located in the Coffee County #2 Complex, New Brockton, AL.

## NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

### BRITTANY D. DANIELS

Brittany D. Daniels has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps), Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.

The four-week course is a world class leadership development experience that qualifies and motivates ROTC cadets for enrollment in the Senior ROTC Advanced Course at their host college campuses.

The course is designed to improve leadership potential, build self-confidence and develop initiative through hands-on learning, allowing the cadets to observe and evaluate the cadets' officer potential and leadership attributes.

She is the granddaughter of Annie P. and R.C. Carpenter of Highway 125, Elba, Ala.

The cadet is a 2002 graduate of Elba High School. Daniels is attending the Marion Military Institute, Ala.

Officers of the Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel for 2002-2004 are: L-R: Joan Lewis - president; Judy Killingsworth, vice president/president-elect; Sylvia Padgett, treasurer, and Dorothy Richardson, secretary.

## Retired Teachers and Support Personnel hear Dr. Reese



Dr. Reese

Members of the Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel

Guest speaker was Dr. Jim Reese, Superintendent of Enterprise City Schools.

Special guests included Janice Charlesworth, executive secretary of the Alabama Retired Teachers Association, Keron Forte, assistant to the ARTA executive secretary and editor of the ARTA Newspaper, Rep. Terry Spicer, and Sen. Jimmy Holley.

Members and guests enjoyed a time of fellowship and refreshments, along with new members and new retirees.

During the business session presided over by Joan Lewis, president, Sylvia Padgett, treasurer, reported that as of Sept. 17 the organization had 148 paid members. Nina Carpenter, legislative chair, introduced Spicer and Holley.

Loretta Fleming reminded members to pick up community service forms and record their volunteer service hours.

The meeting was adjourned following awarding of door prizes.

Also on Sept. 17, several members represented the organization at the ARTA District 9 annual meeting at Enterprise State Junior College.

Representing Coffee County were Loretta Fleming, Z.I. Fleming, Mary Fleming, Lloyd Crook, Cupidean Crook, Nina Carpenter, Agnes Farris, Bill Farris, Diane Donaldson and Joan Lewis.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Elba. Speaker will be Janice Charlesworth, ARTA Executive Secretary.

## DAR presents Community Service Award

Anne Wise Hood was presented the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) Community Service Award on September 19, 2002, at the annual DAR and SAR Constitution Week luncheon at the Rawls Hotel restaurant in Enterprise.

Anne was nominated by the John Coffee DAR Chapter for her volunteer work as Committee Chairperson of the Coffee County Heritage Book which was published in the spring of 2002. This project began in 1999 with an 8-member committee. Initially Anne said she became involved as a contributor to the project, hoping to publish "bits of history" that she had discovered about her own ancestors. Anne grew up in Coffee County in the Victoria community and currently resides in Wicksburg where her husband, Edward B. "Buddy" Hood, is pastor of Pilgrim Home Baptist Church.

Anne agreed to be Chairman of the committee in 2000, upon the death of Roy Shoffner. Not only did Anne encourage people to submit family stories, legends, old family photos, histories of communities, schools, churches, clubs and other bits of history, but she spent countless hours reading these entries (often typing them), gathering more information if needed, cataloging articles as they were received, and matching up articles with photos. Many more hours were spent proofing the final copy.

Since 1990, the following persons have received this prestigious NSDAR Community Service award: Royce



Anne Wise Hood is presented award

Snellgrove, Maud Byrd Windham, Tera Averette, Mrs. May Bryan and Jack R. Brunson.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, check out their website at [www.dar.org/membership](http://www.dar.org/membership) to find out how to become a member. Local contacts for the Coffee County DAR Chapter include Nell Gilmer (493-2182) or Ann McGlaun (347-8847).

## IMPORTANT MEETING KEEP ELBA DRY COMMITTEE

Thursday, Oct. 10th, 5:30 pm  
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

We need the pastor or representatives from every church to help plan a Community Prayer Service for the eve of the election. Bumper stickers and yard signs will be available. Please be in attendance for this important meeting. For additional information, call Jack E. Brunson at 897-2273 x212, or 897-6056.

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Keep Elba Dry Committee, P.O. Box 507, Elba, AL 36323

# COMMUNITY NEWS



AMANDA MARTIN, THE ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER OF WILL AND MELANIE MARTIN, of Millbrook, persuaded eight of her classmates and two of her teachers to be on her Light the Night Walk team. The Light the Night Walk is an annual fund raiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This year the Montgomery walk was held at the zoo. Team members raise money by taking pledges. Participants carry red luminar balloons. These girls raised over \$1,000. Amanda is in the sixth grade at Edgewood Academy. The majority of the girls have been classmates since Kindergarten which was when Amanda was first diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. Amanda is now cancer free and has been off of all medication for three years.

## Ashley Green named to Auburn University's Freshman Forum



Ashley Green

## Home School 4-H to meet October 10

The Home School 4-H meeting will be on Thursday, October 10 at 1:00 p.m. It will be in the community room of the Farm City Complex in New Brockton.

For others, an Out-Of-School 4-H Club meets on the first Monday night of each month. The meetings will be held in the community room at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 894-5596.

## Elba Church of God to observe Homecoming October 13

Elba Church of God's Homecoming is Sunday, October 13th. Morning service will be at 11:00 AM.

Pot luck dinner will be served at 12:00 noon and singing starts at 2:00 PM. J.G. Whitfield and the Workmen are the featured singers. Rev. Ron Stallard invites everyone to attend. Visitors may bring a covered dish if they desire.

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\*12 Years Experience in Public Service  
\*Married to Rene Johnson, two daughters, Jessi and Jodi  
\*Current Member of the Alabama National Guard  
\*Attends Ino Baptist Church

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## Ashley Martin donates hair to Locks of Love

Ashley Martin, eight-year-old daughter of Will and Melanie Martin of Millbrook, donated her hair to Locks of Love. About six years ago Ashley's older sister, Amanda, was diagnosed with Leukemia. The chemotherapy treatments caused Amanda to lose all of her hair. Ashley also saw many other children without hair during Amanda's three and a half years of treatment. Even at the young age of three, this made Ashley start thinking and two years ago she decided to only trim her hair to keep it healthy. She wanted her hair to grow until it was long enough to be donated. This fall she reached her goal, a ten and a half inch long pony tail.

Ashley is the granddaughter of Barbara and Philip Scarborough and Olive Ray and Shorty Martin, all of Elba.



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Rep. Spicer worked for our children and grandchildren, voting to provide 80,000 Alabama children with health insurance;

worked to increase assistance for foster children; helped establish the Alabama Reading Initiative; and brought home more money for local Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) programs.

Working with his fellow legislators and local county commissioners, Terry brought home funding for four new senior citizen centers, and built two new senior centers. He also worked with law enforcement and firefighters to secure equipment they needed to protect our safety and health.

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# SCHOOLS

## Character Trait

by Kaci Grantham

This week's character trait is self-control.

Self-control is restraint exercised over one's own impulses, emotions or desires. Some students at Elba High practice self-control everyday. For example, making right decisions and working hard to achieve a set goal are prime examples of self-control.

Practicing self-control is an important task in everyday life. Self-control can play a huge role in your future. For example, not studying for a big test can bring your grade down, allowing you to be behind. When you get behind you could possibly decrease your GPA, causing you to miss up future plans. In other words, one mistake may lead to another due to lack of self-control.

## News Brief

by Blake Brunson

Homecoming is approaching and so is the parade! The deadline for submitting parade entries is 12:00 on Thursday, Oct. 17, and anyone interested may call the school office at 897-2266. The categories in which the floats are judged are Elba High School, Elba Elementary School and all other organizations not sponsored by the school. Category winners will be announced at the Homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 18.

## Students learn about Farley Nuclear Plant

by Alex Benbow

On Friday, Sept. 20, a representative of Farley Nuclear Plant came and spoke to all of Mrs. Nelda Bailey's classes to inform the students about the good and bad side of nuclear power.

He said nuclear power is cleaner than coal burning plants. Coal burning plants also put off more radiation than a nuclear power plant does. In fact, one tiny pellet of uranium that is about the size of a pencil eraser will produce as much power as 1,780 pounds of coal.

He showed a variety of clips taken of Farley Nuclear Power Plant that showed detailed pictures of the uranium holding tank, all the buildings on the premises and the greeting center that has been closed since Sept. 11. The buildings where the uranium is located could withstand an F5 tornado, or even if a jet crashed into it, the building could withstand it.

The presentation was not only educational but it was also comforting to know that we will never have to worry about a meltdown because of any reason.

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## Tiger Tales

Editor: Sheena Flowers

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Shawna Hill

Gleaning in this week's spotlight is minor Patrick "Rudy" Tyson. Rudy is the 17-year-old son of Pat Tyson and Grover Williams and attends Greater New Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

Mr. Tyson is involved in several extracurricular activities such as Varsity football, basketball, baseball, VICA, FFA, FCA and Co-Op. He also enjoys hanging out with his friends, listening to music, fishing and of course, the most important thing spending time with his family. Congratulations to Mr. Rudy Tyson!!!



Patrick Tyson

**FCCLA, (formerly FHA), has started the annual Ham & Turkey sale. New items this year include: Peppered Bacon, Pecan Pies & Sausage. Please support FCCLA by buying any of these items.**

## Elba FFA fruit sale currently underway

The FFA members from the Elba FFA Chapter will be taking orders during October for delicious, nutritious holiday fruit.

Fresh fruit is a natural agricultural product in which FFA members can promote and support agriculture every time they sell a carton of oranges, grapefruit or apples. Almost every family is a potential customer because almost everyone buys fruit during the holiday season.

There are other reasons why fruit is sold in almost every high school in Alabama. As various sources of money for education have disappeared or been reduced, local teachers have been required to raise money to supplement their vocational (career/technical) programs.

Proceeds from past fruit sales have bought many books, hand tools, equipment or other items for use by agriculture students. An agriscience program is expensive to operate and difficult to properly maintain. Each fruit customer is helping provide a better education for these students of Elba High School.

The fruit sale helps instill responsibility in the students. They take orders, which are turned in at the proper time, and deliver the fruit to the customer in a timely fashion. Also, students must account for the money they receive from the customer and eventually clear their records with the agriculture teacher. The fruit sale also develops a good work ethic in the youth. When a person works for something, they usually feel more like a part of the program, therefore a student's self-esteem can be improved.

The fruit sale campaign is the only major fund raiser for the Agriscience and FFA program. The pre-sale campaign began in September and will end on Oct. 30. The fruit should arrive the week of December 2nd. The FFA members and advisor appreciate the help and support of the community.

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- Allow teens to select their own reading materials.
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- Work together to connect teens and books.

The Elba High School Library will sponsor a poster contest for the seventh grade English classes. Each student will design an 8" x 10" poster. The poster must use the Teen Read theme and be an original work.

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by Brittany Cooper

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The band did a great job of showing the judges at TSU what they've got. The M.T.B. performed in Class AAA competition. They competed against many other bands.

The band performed at 4:45 p.m. After the performance, they took pictures and then went into a building to watch the show on a movie screen. Finally, around 7:30 p.m., the awards ceremony started. The E.H.S. M.T.B. made a straight Superior Rating, which means the drum major, dance line, majorette, color guard, drum line and the overall band scored all ones!!

In an interview with Mr. Jeff Ellis, the band director, he explained his feelings about the band and the great job it did at TSU. He said the band overcame a great deal of diversity. He is very proud of them considering they did not get to practice much before the competition because of the weather.

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## Homecoming 2002 activities planned

by Sonya Hornsby

The Gamecocks will be playing the Kinston Bulldogs for their Homecoming, which is November 1. The theme for Homecoming week will be "Retro the Bulldogs." We will be taking you back to the 60's, 70's, 80's, and 90's. Monday, Friday (October 28-November 1) we will have traditional dress-up days and on-campus activities. Thursday night there will be a bonfire at the Coffee County Farm Center at 8:00 PM. Friday morning at 9:00 AM we will hold the Coronation of the Homecoming Queen and her court, and then we will have a pep rally and student/faculty entertainment. There will also be a parade in downtown New Brockton at 2:15.

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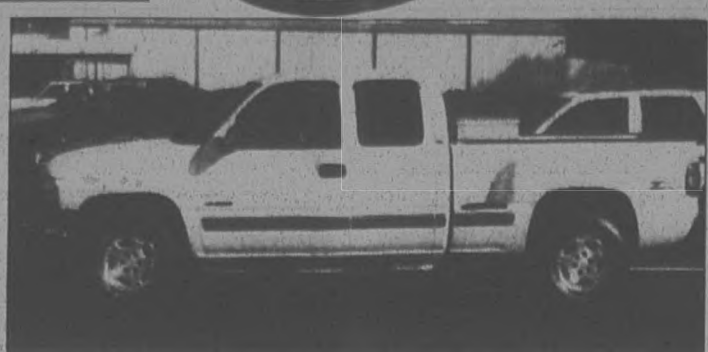
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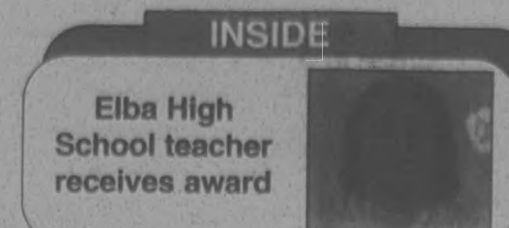


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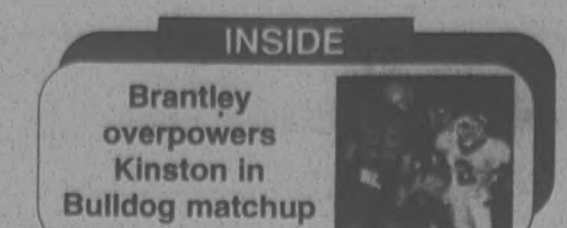
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by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

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Including in this resurfacing work are Deal Street and Jones Circle, Johnson Street, Kennedy Drive, Roosevelt Drive (East and West), Eisenhower Loop and Roosevelt Drive South.

Mayor James Grimes said previously that Elba has a number of streets which need work, but these above named streets were in danger of being lost completely if something wasn't done for them soon.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told council members that there is a growing problem with a shortage of space at the local dog pound and it is causing a number of ongoing problems.

Both New Brockton and Coffee County have agreements for Elba to accept their stray dogs. There have been times when the overflow resulted in some private citizens from out in the county just turning animals loose or New Brockton.

Monthly bills totaling \$17,525.90 were approved for payment. Included was \$3,69.24 for vehicle and equipment repair and maintenance; \$1,003.25 for radio repair; \$831.46 a police radar unit and \$4,548.90 for Pee Wee football supplies and equipment.

The investigation of a felony assault led Elba Police officers Friday, Oct. 11, to the discovery of a methamphetamine lab.

Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth said officers with the Elba Police Department responded to an accident on Alabama Hwy. 87 South during the early hours of Oct. 11 and soon discovered the driver with injuries not usually associated with a vehicle accident.

Whitworth said the driver of the vehicle told police officers that he had been beaten by two subjects while at their residence located on Hwy. 87 South.

The driver, whose name is being withheld, was transported to the Elba General Hospital.

As the investigation progressed, Whitworth said Investigator Andy Gunter obtained felony warrants for the arrest of two men in conjunction with the assault. At that point, he said officers went to the residence of Brent Betsold, 14196 Hwy. 87 South, where they located and arrested one of the men wanted on the assault warrants.

While at the residence, Whitworth said his officers observed items used in the manufacture of methamphetamine and smelled a strong chemical odor also associated with the manufacture of the drug.

With the assistance of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department along with a 12th Judicial Drug Task Force member from the sheriff's department, Elba Police officers

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**60 YEARS AND GETTING STRONGER...**The Elba Marching Tiger Band traveled to Brewton last Saturday, Oct. 12, to compete in the annual band competition held at the home of the T.R. Miller Tigers. This event was scheduled as a two part competition; however, the band members and fans found the weather to be the biggest opponent as the second part of the competition was canceled due to heavy rainfall. Nevertheless, the band did manage to receive its ratings from the first part of the competition and proved that the Marching Tiger Band continues to hold strong with its tradition of pride and excellence. Above, the band begins its superior rated performance in the afternoon session as the members make their move from the opening set. This year's marching band show will be one of many highlights Friday night, Oct. 18, during Elba High School's Homecoming 2002 as the Marching Tiger Band celebrates its 60th marching season.

## Assault leads Elba Police officers to methamphetamine lab

The investigation of a felony assault led Elba Police officers Friday, Oct. 11, to the discovery of a methamphetamine lab.

Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth said officers with the Elba Police Department responded to an accident on Alabama Hwy. 87 South during the early hours of Oct. 11 and soon discovered the driver with injuries not usually associated with a vehicle accident.

Whitworth said the driver of the vehicle told police officers that he had been beaten by two subjects while at their residence located on Hwy. 87 South.

The driver, whose name is being withheld, was transported to the Elba General Hospital.

As the investigation progressed, Whitworth said Investigator Andy Gunter obtained felony warrants for the arrest of two men in conjunction with the assault. At that point, he said officers went to the residence of Brent Betsold, 14196 Hwy. 87 South, where they located and arrested one of the men wanted on the assault warrants.

While at the residence, Whitworth said his officers observed items used in the manufacture of methamphetamine and smelled a strong chemical odor also associated with the manufacture of the drug.

With the assistance of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department along with a 12th Judicial Drug Task Force member from the sheriff's department, Elba Police officers

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obtained and executed a search warrant on the residence of Betsold. Whitworth said officers seized the components used in the manufacture of methamphetamine along with a large amount of methamphetamine oil and assorted paraphernalia.

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Altogether, Whitworth said two suspects were arrested at the Betsold residence. Tony John Adcock was charged with Assault - First Degree; Manufacture of Methamphetamine - First Degree and Possession of Dangerous Drugs - Paraphernalia.

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The second man sought on the assault charges was located and arrested in Dothan by officers with the Dothan Police Department.

Anthony Paul Karpinski was later picked up in Dothan by

Mobile to finalize the clean up at the Betsold residence after the discovery of a methamphetamine lab.

"As the investigation continues with this case, we expect additional charges and arrests to be made," Whitworth said.

## Coffee County Commission holds routine meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission ripped through its agenda Monday morning, Oct. 14, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the commission and entertained a motion to sign the bills and adjourn within 20 minutes.

The only matter to receive a bit of opposition during the short meeting involved a motion made by Commissioner Kaiyo

Lewis to pay Jerry Evans, a resident on County Road 272, \$3,500 for 44 acres of right-of-way land.

Lewis said Evans had agreed to this amount, and he felt the commission should approve the payment so the paving of the county road can proceed. Acquiring the right-of-way land from Evans was the only land hold up with the paving project.

After Lewis' motion received a second, it was approved by a

5-2 vote with commissioners Jim Thompson and Doug Dalrymple voting against it.

Coffee County Jail administrator Zack Ennis reported to commissioners that the installation of the new lock system is not complete yet; however, he did say the system is operational at this time. He said the company installing the system needs to work some "bugs" out, and he hopes the project will be complete soon.

County administrator Whitson Mobley told commissioners that he is holding a payment of approximately \$20,000 until the project is completely finished.

In another matter concerning the jail, commissioners granted permission to Ennis for the hiring of an additional correction officer. Mobley said one of the employed cooks had left the jail, and Ennis requested hiring another correction officer instead of another cook.

Mobley said this request will only cause a classification change for the hiring process and will not affect the salary budget.

The request was approved by a unanimous vote.

Commissioners had only one bid to open and award during Monday's meeting. Supplying bids for daily cover match were Louisiana Vegetation Management Inc. and Central Fiber Corporation.

After reviewing the bids, county engineer Randy Tindell recommended that the commission award the bid to Central Fiber Corporation as the primary source and to Louisiana Vegetation Management Inc. as the secondary source.

Central Fiber submitted a bid

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## Area Happenings

**HOMEcoming TAILGATE PARTY** Members of the Elba Chamber of Commerce invite everyone to join them for the third annual "tiger" tailgate party on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 5:30 p.m., in the lot next door to The Peoples Bank. Following the tailgate party, the Elba High School cheerleaders will ignite the festivities with a bonfire at Miller Memorial Stadium.

**THE SOUTHEAST ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION** will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Coffee County Farm Center, in the Extension Office Community Room, New Brockton, Ala., at 7 p.m.

**AREA FOOTBALL GAMES** On Friday, Oct. 18, the Elba Tigers will celebrate homecoming as they take on Calhoun; the Kinston Bulldogs will celebrate homecoming by hosting Cottonwood; the New Brockton Gamecocks will be at home against G.W. Long; and the Brantley Bulldogs will host the Zion Chapel Rebels.

**LITTLE MISS NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL PAGEANT** will be held Saturday, Oct. 19, 6 p.m., at the Dothan Civic Center. Among the participants will be Little Miss Elba Briley Williams, Little Miss Coffee County Kinley Sanders, Little Miss Kinston Summer Wilkerson, Little Miss New Brockton Emily Smith, Little Miss Zion Chapel Aspin Madden and Little Miss Enterprise Dawn Turner.

**YALSA FLAME FLA-IR** will be held Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Calhoun Civic Center, Calhoun, Ala. The event, sponsored by Yalga Books Inc. and YALSA Chapter 121, will feature a poetry reading, a BQ lunch, and band performance at 3 p.m., young eagle ride and more music. There is no admission charge for this all day event.

**SHOE BOX RIBBON CUTTING HELD...**The Elba Chamber of Commerce and several local officials welcomed Elba's newest business to the city last Thursday morning, Oct. 10, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Shoe Box, located between Head 2 Toe Salon and H&R Block in the shopping center off the 203 Bypass in Elba, specializes in the sale of women's shoes. Those present for the ribbon cutting ceremony included (from left): Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Sam Cooper; Dinah Coppage; Junior Miss Elba Lynday Lawford; Carol Jackson and her daughter, Isabella; Ranauna Grantham; Evan Tew; Polly Tew; Jerrie Davis; Jeff Tew; Pat Pipkin, owner; Little Miss Elba Briley Williams; Tim Johnson; Elba Mayor James Grimes; Doris Matthews; Kenneth Calhoun; Barry Giles; Harold Wayne Lawford; Destiny Hudson; Herby McCall; Miss Elba Shay Johnson; and Jimmy Harrison.